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Fire guts MSU theatre facility early Friday

BY EMILY B. MOSES

Two fire units and 19 firefighters responded Mar. 24 to an early morning fire that consumed the interior of the Morehead State University Theatre House.

MSU Public Safety Officer Rufford Abner reported the fire about 3:30 after a woman stepped him and told him a house was on fire behind Reed Hall.

When he drove down campus he saw that she meant the Theatre House, located between Combs Hall and Lloyd-Cassidy.

The building houses the offices of theatre professor Dr. William Lane and was used to store costumes and props for the Theatre Department.

Public Safety Police Chief Gary Lanham said the fire department arrived on the scene at 3:35 a.m. and didn't leave until 7:30 a.m.

"The fire was electrical in nature," Lanham said.

He said the fire started in the front corner of the building, used for storage, and quickly spread to the second story.

"When the building caught fire it heated out the front windows which caused a draft because the windows upstairs were left open, which shot the flames straight up," Lanham said.

He said the front room and the room directly above it were damaged the most.

Lanham said the fire originated from electrical wires next to a refrigerator that sat in the front room that ran to an upstairs air conditioning outlet. Steam pipes ran next to the wire.

Lanham said fire officials speculate that the refrigerator cut the wires or the steam pipe melted them and then came in contact with the open circuit.

Lanham said the fire did extensive damage to the inside of the building.

"It was an intense fire because of the fire load inside the building," he said.

Dr. Layne, technical director for the theatre, said a campus policeman called him at home to inform him his office was on fire.

Layne said he wasn't prepared for what he would see.

"I didn't have any idea how bad it was," he said.

"I thought first of the costumes, then of my books, then pictures, then records of alumni that only I had," he said.

Pictures from plays over the last 25 years were destroyed.

Period costumes, props and furniture were also destroyed.

"A lot of those costumes, if you

were to purchase them, would be \$1,000 each," Layne said.

If you were to rent them they would be around \$80 a week and there were hundreds of them," he said.

Lanham said, "I bet there were 300 tux shirts that had never been out of the packages."

Elizabeth Payne, costume designer for this week's production of *Peter Pan*, said she had been working in the costume shop in the Combs Building for about four hours when she smelled smoke about 3:30 a.m.

"I heard the fire alarm in Lappin and thought Lappin was on fire," Payne said.

She said she went out the back doors of Combs and walked around the building and saw the theatre house burning.

"My mouth just dropped open," she said.

Payne said she wasn't really surprised.

"The building is old as can be, it's completely ancient and we had stacked it up with 30 to 40 years worth of stuff," she said.

"We don't have enough storage," Payne said.

Payne had been in the building at about 2:30 a.m. to do laundry for the *Peter Pan* production.

Layne said he too had previously

worried about a fire in the house.

"Occasionally I would worry about it because I always thought floor furnaces were fairly dangerous and students would bring costumes over and put them by the furnace so I was worried about spontaneous combustion," he said.

"I was quite surprised when I found out it was electrical," Layne said.

Lanham said he did not know if the building had been inspected to see if it met with fire codes and regulations.

A monetary value has not been determined for losses connected with the fire.

Friday afternoon Layne and some theatre students assessed the damage to his office and salvaged what they could.

"After we got in there I realized it wasn't as bad as we thought," he said.

"There is a brick wall between my office and the house and many books I thought I had lost were just smoke and water damaged," Layne said.

Lanham speculated 1,000 gallons of water a minute were pumped into the house until the fire was under control.

We had the fire knocked down in the first 30 minutes after we arrived," he said.



Two fire units and 19 firefighters responded to the early morning fire that gutted the Theatre House behind the Combs Building.

Photos by Emily B. Moses

Some disappointed in President's Forum

Discourse becomes heated between president and students with questions

BY KIM WALTERS

STAFF WRITER

About 50 MSU students gathered in ADUC last Wednesday to voice their concerns and grievances to MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin and a panel of MSU administrators at the President's Forum.

The SGA sponsored forum was designed to give students an outlet to direct their concerns directly to the administration.

Representatives from most administrative offices and departments were on the panel, but some students said the panel failed to adequately address their concerns.

The topic of Camden-Carroll Library hours caused some minor debate.

Senior Kevin Sanborn said he would like the library to be open 24 hours in order for students to have resources available at all times.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike Moore said administrators would consider the idea.

The main issue, Moore said, is whether or not longer hours that might accommodate only a few students would be economically feasible for the university.

"If we could find the means and

the staff we'd be happy to look into it," said Moore.

President Eaglin said MSU is not a research institution and it's up to the students to schedule their time around the library's hours.

Sanborn said, "The library is a legitimate claim and he (Eaglin) dismissed my questions and comments. A university should accommodate its students. We are the customers. We pay the tuition."

Another student who he is concerned there is not a place for students to gather and study at late hours.

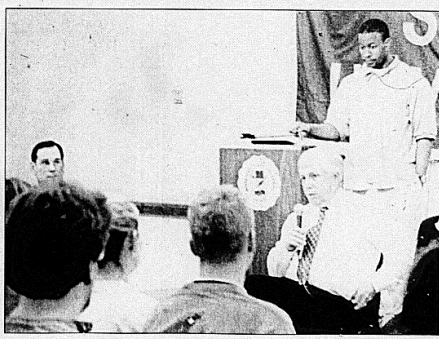
Kenny White, director of student housing, said residents of co-ed residence halls can gather in their libraries but students who do not reside in co-ed residence halls do not have this option.

Eaglin said the issue should be taken to the Residence Hall Association to make recommendations.

Other students were unable to address their concerns because the meeting was cut off abruptly after one hour.

Following the forum, several students voiced their displeasure

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President Ronald Eaglin responds to student questions at last week's President's Forum as moderator Nick Wilson, standing, and Vice President Mike Mincey look on.

Photos by Katie Byrley

Bottle Bill defeated; Bottle Ballot proposed

BY MATT ALLLEY

STAFF WRITER

Last week the Kentucky General Assembly's Fall House turned down a major environmental bill, but one day later approved a measure that would set up a public vote on whether Kentucky should assess refundable deposits on beverage containers.

Defeated House Bill 1, or the bottle bill, required a fee on retailers and manufacturers to fund litter cleanup, statewide mandatory garbage collection and refundable deposits on containers.

The bottle bill was voted down in the House by a final count of 54 to 41.

A day after the defeat of HB-1, Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg introduced House Bill 745, the bottle ballot, which would allow Kentuckians to vote on whether there should be assessment refundable deposits on beverage containers.

"The bottle ballot is a fair way for the voters to decide on the issue and many Kentuckians want to help clean this state up. The bottle ballot would be a small step in the right direction," Stumbo said.

A recent poll conducted by *The Louisville Courier* showed 70 percent of those polled wanted increased environmental legislation.

Stumbo said bills similar to the bottle ballot have cut litter and boosted recycling in 10 other states that have them.

Soft-drink and beer bottles, grocers and other retailers are opposed to the bill saying it would cost them money and increase prices for consumers.

"They are saying it will cost more money, but isn't our state

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Students invest in future through stocks and bonds

BY CARLA MCCLEESSE

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

While most people depend on retirement plans and personal savings, some invest their money in stocks hoping to eventually amass a sizable nest egg to live on comfortably in their golden years.

Several MSU students have already started investing in their futures.

Senior Nick Carline, plans to make a living from investments. He will graduate in May with a degree in business administration with a finance option.

Carline says he first experimented with stocks about five years ago when his father decided he wanted more security for retirement.

"He gave me his money and I invested for him," Carline says.

Carline says he invested his father's money in treasury bonds and mutual funds.

"What you do with mutual funds is a key interest from companies that are diverse. For example, you might

invest in a fuel company and in an automobile company so when one industry may not be doing well on the market, the other company is," Carline says.

"Mutual funds are relatively safe to invest in because no matter what goes on in the economy, you still get a good return."

Carline says the first couple of times he and his father experimented with stocks, the results were not

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What: MSU Theatre Production
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INVEST from front

what they expected, but Carlinio has since learned to make more informed decisions.

"We bought stock in companies we thought would be good to invest with and we bought four years ago when it was cheap. Since then, our stock has almost tripled," he says.

Carlinio says before he invests in any company, he researches on-line to check out the market and interest rates.

"You can check specific company web-sites and get income statements, balance sheets and forecasted sales, which let you know what stock will do," Carlinio says.

Carlinio has already been hired by a brokerage firm in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"One thing about doing this job for a living — when someone gives me their money to invest and they lose, then I lose," he says with a laugh.

Finance 486, a course taught in the business department, provides actual investing experience as students buy and sell stock out of a portfolio.

Dr. Robert Albert, dean of the College of Business, teaches the class and says the MSU Foundation provided initial seed money for the class.

During the course, students take turns each week presenting background information about companies and stocks they have researched. Then the class decides whether to buy or sell the stock being discussed.

Albert says each student is responsible for keeping up with three or four of the stocks in the class's portfolio and updating the class each week on how companies are faring.

On average, Albert says the class consistently beats returns against the S & P 500, a stock market index

which allows the students to measure their performance.

"Students learn a lot in this course and in general a good experience for them," Albert says.

Albert, who has taught the course for the past three years, says the course will be available next fall as a club so sophomore finance majors can get a headstart working with stocks.

Junior Jamie Swihart, a student in Finance 486, has his own stock portfolio similar to the class portfolio.

"Investments are my focus and I look for companies with potential or stock that I think has room to grow in the future," Swihart says.

Swihart, a finance major, plans on going into investing as a career and also dealing in stock to invest in the future.

Senior Holly Merrell also has her own stock portfolio.

Merrell, a marketing major, is taking the course for her personal knowledge.

Merrell relies on the Internet for information. She doesn't look at regular stocks, but goes for mutual funds.

"I'm a safe bet. I let mutual funds take the risk for me," Merrell says.

Merrell has invested her money since she graduated from high school and says her father was very helpful in planning for her future.

"I think most people don't consider the stock market as a way to save money, or see it as profitable, but I think it's important to work now and hope your money will work for you later," Merrell says.

"I don't want to work until I'm 60," she says.



Photo by Katherine Ford

Shea Vincent, left, and Melissa Beavin adjust their skates during a rollerblading outing on campus last week.

BOTTLE from front

worth a few extra dollars to save?" said Sumbo.

If passed, the bottle ballot would only require refundable container deposits. Other types of recycling fees and mandatory garbage collection are not included in the bill.

If HB-745 is approved, it would call for two public votes on the issue.

Voters would first have to

approve an amendment to the state Constitution to allow a referendum vote on the bill, and if passed, voters would then have to return two years later to vote on the actual container-deposit referendum.

On March 21 HB-745 was sent to the Senate's Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee for further review.

FORUM from front

with what they perceived as a negative or unfriendly attitude by the president in responding to their questions and comments.

Kristie Doll said, "It's nice to know he cares enough to meet with us, but it seemed he pretty much already had set opinions on everything."

"No matter what we had to say, it didn't matter. He had already decided what he was going to do."

Doll said, "Overall, the forum was positive, but President Englin made it negative by not listening to us."

Junior Philip James said he thought the forum was beneficial.

"I think everyone who had a question got an answer. It might not have been the response they were looking for, but they got an answer."

"Things got a little heated sometimes because questioners were really persistent and I think the president got aggravated a few times."

If future forums are scheduled, James said he thinks the president probably needs to be more patient in dealing with the students.

James said, "That I also think students should be more constructive with their questions and comments instead of coming just to complain."

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EDITORIALS

New legislation won't solve gun problems

In Kentucky, no permit is required to own a rifle, handgun or a shotgun. People can just go down to their local Wal-Mart store, whip out their wallet and take one home.

In all 50 states residents must purchase a license to operate a vehicle, to hunt, and other things that can negatively affect other citizens. Why do NRA members and others violently opposed to every new piece of gun control legislation think owning a gun should not require a license? Guns wreck more pain on more victims than other things that require a license.

Congress must enact legislation that can help keep guns away from children, criminals and others who do not use or own them responsibly. The best way to do this is through licensing.

One of the largest gun makers, Smith & Wesson, has finally agreed to take some responsibility for the misery caused by the products it sells by agreeing to put safety locks on new guns it manufactures. Other gunmakers, more fearful of the iron hand of the NRA, are refusing to do so and are asking gun buyers to boycott Smith & Wesson.

Politicians are dueling over new laws that would require everything from trigger locks to licenses. But if the NRA with its millions in campaign donations has its way, and Republicans who depend on those NRA dollars maintain control of the House, none of the proposed legislation will ever make it on the books.

Last Wednesday Congressman Bill McCollum (R-Florida), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, introduced a bill he says will reduce gun crimes by enforcing existing laws and by enacting tougher prison sentences for criminals caught with guns.

The bill would require mandatory minimum sentences of five years for a person who uses or carries a firearm during or in relation to a violent crime, such as murder, rape, robbery and etc.

To qualify for the federal money, states would have to require a mandatory minimum sentence, without parole, for anyone who uses or carries a firearm in any violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense; or for a violent convict who is caught possessing a gun.

Qualifying states could use the federal money, according to McCollum, to strengthen their criminal and juvenile justice systems, such as hiring and training more judges, prosecutors and probation officers; increasing prison sizes; and developing information sharing case management systems to build case files for offenders.

This kind of legislation is fine, but it won't prevent children from killing children, either purposefully or by accident. It won't prevent unstable people from killing in fits of anger. It won't prevent the thousands of gun deaths each year not connected to planned criminal activity.

Instead of spending millions on building new prisons, and hiring more justice officials, why not prevent much of the violence by enacting gun legislation that would require licensing, stronger background checks, longer waiting periods for purchase and mandatory gun locks to prevent childhood deaths.

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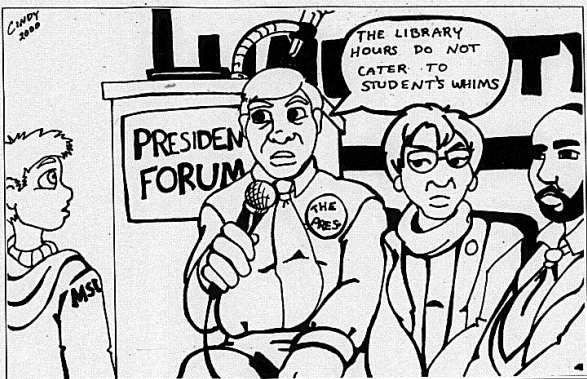
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The Sunny Edition

President's Forum a waste of student's time



BY SUNNY KRAMER
OPINION EDITOR

I went to the President's Forum last Wednesday with an optimistic mind and a hopeful heart. I left with a frown, and a feeling of defeat.

The forum was a waste of time. Nothing was accomplished.

Administrators and people in charge of various university functions were there and answered questions, but when President Eaglin spoke, for the most part, he addressed student questions and comments in a gruff and sometimes rude manner.

In one instance a student stood up to ask a question regarding

the library. The student wanted longer hours and better resources. Our president told him that MSU "is not a research institution" and that "SGA is the place to voice opinions concerning the library."

SGA? What is wrong with addressing the issue with the highest authority? And if MSU is a research institution, students will must research on a daily basis for class projects and papers.

The student wasn't rude — he asked legitimate questions in a mannerly way — and he wanted some satisfactory answers. The president acted like he was frustrated with the student and asked to move on to other questions.

The student seemed like he had more to say, but he was quiet for the remainder of the forum.

Also, the forum only lasted one hour. Many students left without

getting a chance to ask questions about issues that concerned them. The forum is held just once a year. Couldn't administrators give more than a measly hour to the students who help fund their paychecks?

The forum should not end until all questions are asked and answered.

When the forum was being promoted, the president and SGA said on separate occasions the forum would be a chance to voice any and all questions, comments and concerns. That didn't seem the case Wednesday.

It was also upsetting to me that such a few students attended the forum. Where were all the students who have waited for an opportunity like this? Excluding SGA, whose members were required to attend, the student population was poorly represented.

I had one concern that I wanted to address, but didn't. It's one that I have felt strongly about for quite some time now.

President Eaglin, I would like to say I wish you would make more of an attempt to interact with people at MSU. Attend every event you can and encourage student participation at that event. Compliment faculty, staff and students when they're doing something good! Stop students on the sidewalk and ask who they are, where they are from and how they feel about their experience at MSU. Ask them if there is a particular issue affecting them. Or just wave!

President Eaglin, I assure you we are not all "not-yet's." You could do a lot to initiate the destruction of negativity and apathy at MSU.

Letters to the Editor

Student upset about towing

I was recently towed by our wonderful public safety officials here at MSU and I would just like to comment on this unsatisfying experience. I was towed for parking in a spot reserved for physicians. I park in this spot often, and for a good reason, no one is ever parked there. Perhaps these physicians are too busy saving lives, or golfing — point being they're never there.

So I walk out of Giger Hall, only to see what I'm sure is an extremely qualified, highly intelligent public safety official waiting for a tow truck to take my vehicle.

Assuming that I could leave since I beat the tow truck, I began to start my automobile and leave.

When I got ready to ride off into the

sun, I was told that if I did leave, I would be arrested the next time I was found on campus.

To make a long story short, after the arrival of three more keynotes cars, my truck was impounded, and I owed the university, which I spend thousands of dollars a year at, fifty more dollars.

And why? Because Andy, Barney, and the other Steve Guttenberg disciples down at Laughlin would rather harass someone illegally parked, than catch people taking CD players down at the football field.

I would like to take this moment to applaud the MSU public safety department for declaring war on illegally parked people, and ignoring the van delusion that many vehicles enter while in an MSU space. I believe they protect and serve reserved parking spaces so well we should find a job, that would be tremendously chal-

lenging mentally, yet still include their zest for appropriate parking valets.

Elliot Vanhose
Morehead

Writer defends commentary

Spander — the best thing that ever happened to me. Being a late night shopper on Thursday nights at our local fraternity houses, spander pants have come across my path many times. I don't know what the deal is. Why are Chi-Or's, cheerleaders and volleyball chicks getting so upset? They are absolutely hot when they wear the tight spander pants. The pants accentuate their gorgeous lower halves. But the spander pants would not be complete without the matching super tight belly shirts.

But why I ask, does everyone get

so upset at the commentary girl for writing such a truthful piece?

Obviously the girls that are getting upset are the ones that were told they were too fat for spander pants. One thing I just don't understand is why a guy would complain about this commentary, other than trying to impress some chick by making her feel better about wearing spander pants and how she really doesn't look cheap in them. There shouldn't be any more guys complaining.

Listen, guys and girls, there is no reason whatsoever to get mad at the commentary girl. She was doing us a favor by pointing out why our lives are so much fuller and happier — spander pants.

Instead of telling off the newspaper staff, we all should be thanking them and to the commentary girl — thanks for such a great commentary. Dave Leitz
Morehead

CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you think the United States needs stronger gun control legislation?



Douglas Chingola
Senior Marketing
"Yes, because I've read about a lot of killing this past year. A lot has involved kids."



Stephanie Murray
Sophomore Communications
"Yes, because if there were stricter regulations perhaps there would be less gun violence within schools and society itself."



Jared Maynard
Senior Accounting
"Yes, because kids are shooting people in school. And you can go anywhere to get guns."



Robert Newman
Freshman Undecided
"Yes, because little kids can get hold of guns. Remember Columbine."



Melissa Wilson
Sophomore Communications
"Yes, so no one cares because there is so much violence it's unreal. Kids are killing kids."

CAMPUS LIFE

Single mothers juggle agendas

BY ALLISON FORMAN
STAFF WRITER

"It is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life, but if I had a chance to go back, I wouldn't change a thing," Laura Hatton says.

Hatton, a senior, says she struggles with the rights of being a full-time student, maintaining a work-study and something more time consuming than both—being a single mother.

Pregnant at 19 during her second semester of college, Hatton, 25, says, "I was young and stupid, but as soon as I got pregnant, it was time to grow up and take responsibility."

Junior Coretta Harris is a single mom as well. Harris, 22, says having a child made her more mature and changed the way she looks at life.

"I have another human being to care for," says Harris. Harris got pregnant when she was a senior in high school. After sitting out her first year of college, Harris enrolled at MSU in the fall of '97, and has been going year-around ever since.

Hatton also attends classes year-around, and has only dropped one summer class when her son, Tyler, had a kidney disorder.

Harris says friends and relatives help out when times get tough.

Harris says her brother, also an MSU student, or friends baby-sit her son, Lee, 3, when he gets sick and she has to go to class or work.

She, her sister, and a friend, often swap baby-sitting, she says.

Hatton says, "I've got a pretty

good support system."

Toni Wheeler, also a single mom, says her parents help her out a lot. Pregnant at 16, Wheeler has a 4-year-old daughter, Jasmine.

With her parents help, Wheeler

"It is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life, but if I had a chance to go back, I wouldn't change a thing."

—Laura Hatton, senior

was able to remain active in cheer-leading, basketball and many other activities while in high school. Now a sophomore, Wheeler works as an athletic trainer for the football team, maintains a work-study and has a full load of classes.

Even with a strong support system, these single mothers receive little, if any, support from their child's father.

Hatton says the father of her child has never paid a dime of child support.

"He is the stereotypical dead-beat dad," Hatton says.

Hatton says she told the father, who has a drinking problem, not to come around their son, Tyler, while he was drinking. When Tyler was about two months old, he did just that.

"He had his choice and he made it. Unfortunately he chose alcohol and drugs over Tyler," Hatton says.

With little or no child support

money, many single moms are forced to go on public assistance even though they hold jobs.

"A lot of people are prejudiced against welfare, but most of the people I know who are on welfare are in school and working. They just don't make enough money to cover daycare," Hatton says.

Between school, work, and caring for their children, single moms have little time left over.

Harris says having a child limits her freedom, and doesn't leave much time for her to go out with friends.

Hatton says, "It really limits what you can do, but I never looked at Tyler as a limitation. He really saved my life. He gave me direction and served as a grounding force in my life."

When it comes to dating, some single moms prefer going out with men who already have children.

Hatton says, "Most of the (single guys without children) get jealous. Children should always come first."

Hatton says she always puts her son first.

"School is very important to me, but what gets done gets done. I don't have a 4.0. I don't even have a 3.0. And my house is a wreck," Hatton says.

Hatton says having a child has had a very positive impact on her life. She says she is a much stronger, happier person.

"I have more confidence now,"

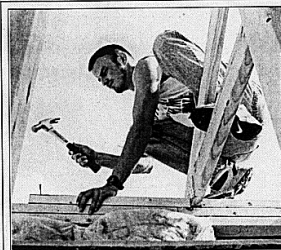
she says.

Hatton says after graduation she plans to get a job working with juveniles and would like to pursue a master's degree in sociology/criminology.

Harris is scheduled to graduate in Dec. 2001 or May 2002 and plans to work at a jail in Fayette county or as a probation or parole officer.

Upon graduation, Wheeler plans to teach high school health and physical education while pursuing a masters degree and Ph.D., and then plans to teach and coach at the college level.

"I have a lot of plans for myself. I believe in doing everything I want to do," Wheeler says.



Photos by Kate Beryl
Freshman Aaron Franke of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity hammers away on Saturday on the Habitat for Humanity Project home being built on Bull Fork Road for a local needy family.

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Students find alternative routes to buying textbooks

BY CHRISTY POWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leslie Burger walks into the University Bookstore and makes her way to the back. After finding the books for her classes, she walks back to the front of the store and begins her long wait in the never-ending lines. Finally, at the head of the line, she waits patiently while the clerk scans and gives her the total for her purchases.

Most students follow this exhausting routine when buying textbooks. But what most complain about is that prices seem to rise each year.

Many students prefer to buy books at the MSU Bookstore because of its accessibility in the Adren Doran University Center. Others buy their books at competing Study Master on Main Street where they say prices are lower.

Students as well as professors have varying opinions about the price of textbooks.

"It's unfair the prices they charge students for books," says Burger, a junior education major. "And prices seem to rise a little more every year. I could pay two months rent on the amount I spent on textbooks this semester."

Some students say prices are reasonable compared to other uni-

versities, where they say textbooks are even more expensive.

Sophomore Howard Stone says, "I transferred here from an out-of-state university. Textbook prices are much more reasonable here than they were there."

Some professors encourage students to share textbooks. But this doesn't work for many students, especially commuters.

An alternative to bookstore buying is the Internet. With the increasing popularity of the Web, many students buy textbooks online from companies such as E-Bay, Amazon.com, and Textbooks.com. They say it is faster, easier, and cheaper.

According to their home pages, Amazon.com and Textbooks.com offer new and used textbooks at 50 percent off bookstore prices. Both sites also offer many payment methods, such as credit cards, check and money orders, purchase orders and gift certificates. Textbooks.com guarantees three-day delivery for a flat fee.

Both sites offer guaranteed buy-back at the end of the semester.

Freshman Destiny Tharpe says, "I'll never buy my textbooks at the bookstore again. I bought my books on-line this semester. I received the books in three days and I saved almost \$100."

Tharpe says she didn't have to wait in lines and it took her just a few minutes to order all her books.

Buying on-line isn't for everyone. Students must have access to a computer and must have knowledge of how to get to book sites. Other students receive aid from the University and are not allowed to buy books from anywhere other than the MSU Bookstore.

Kirsten Roberts, a junior education major, says, "I would love to buy on-line, but I got grants and financial aid from the University, so I am stuck paying University prices."

Burger says, "I'm illiterate when it comes to computers. I think I will just battle the lines and the prices of the bookstore."



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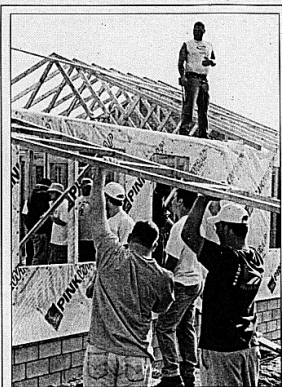


Photo by Kevin Byler

Several fraternity members worked Saturday on the Habitat for Humanity Project for Rowan County, a project that began on March 20 and will run through April 26. The MSU IFC, Panhellenic Council, and SGA have been asked to help build the house, located on Bull Fork Road, off of Route 32.

Students ignore "no pets" dorm rule

BY JENNIFER BROWN SPORTS EDITOR

Students who live in residence halls frequently disobey campus rules, involving such things as visitation, quiet hours, and parking. But, perhaps one of the most overlooked rules is having pets in dorm rooms.

According to the 1999-2000 Eagle Student Handbook, "Since pets can cause unpleasant situations in a congested living area, you are not allowed to keep them except for fish-in-the residence halls. This regulation is necessary to prevent safety and sanitation hazards."

One student living in Mignon Hall ignores this rule. She has an 8-week-old puppy living in her dorm room. She says she discussed it with her three roommates, and they did not mind if the dog stayed there.

"My boyfriend gave me the puppy for Valentine's Day," she said. "My dog usually stays at my boyfriend's house here in Morehead. It only stays in the room with me when he can't keep it."

She says she disagrees with the pet rule in the handbook. She says if the pets are small enough and are not distracting to others, they should be allowed in the rooms.

Some students do not like the

idea of having pets living in the residence halls. They complain the pets are very distracting to their neighbors, as well as their roommates.

"Having large animals on campus is not only unhealthy and unsanitary for residents, it can also

"I was doing a fire alarm search in the rooms and one girl was keeping a duck in her bathtub!"

—Shannon Colvin,
Mignon Hall resident director

be hazardous for the animal's health," said sophomore Allissa Harman. "They could also be very distracting to neighbors who are trying to study."

Mignon Hall resident Crista Bach says she also agrees with the rule in the handbook.

"I do not care if people have pets, but I would not want my roommate having a pet living with us," said Bach.

If students violate the rule, they can expect disciplinary measures, including community service assignments, educational program-

ing assignments, residence hall dismissal, loss of visitation, or other appropriate sanctions.

Students who are found in violation of residence hall policies and are issued the sanction of dismissal from the residence hall, will forfeit residence hall fees, according to the 1999-2000 Eagle Student Handbook.

Mignon Hall Resident Director Shannon Colvin says students who get caught with pets have 24 to 48 hours to get the pet out of the building. She says the violation is written up as a disciplinary action.

"If students do not remove their pet from the building in the time frame given, we call someone to remove it for them," said Colvin.

Colvin says she has seen many unusual pets living in the dorms—snakes, iguanas, birds, and even a duck!

"I was doing a fire alarm search in the rooms and one girl was keeping a duck in her bathtub!" said Colvin. "She was going to give it to her little sister for Easter, which was the following weekend, so I let her keep it there for the rest of the week until she could take it home."

Mignon Hall resident advisor Deanna Lee said she caught a student with a pet python living on her

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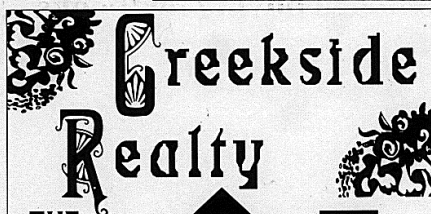
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ARTS

Neverland becomes reality in Dean's final role

BY JENNIFER SEWELL
ARTS EDITOR

In 1950, Leonard Bernstein's musical of *Peter Pan*, starring Jean Seberg, ran for only 350 performances.

On October 20, 1954, the original production of the current revival of *Peter Pan* opened at the Winter Garden Theatre, starring Mary Martin and ran for 152 performances.

This week, MSU Theatre students will open the door to Neverland and present the musical, *Peter Pan* before an audience of all ages.

Before it was a play, *Peter Pan*, was a small story in a 1902 book by James M. Barrie called *The Little White Bird*.

The character of Peter from this novel was developed into the play, *Peter Pan*, or *The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*, in 1904.

Finally, Barrie turned his successful play into a novel called *Peter and Wendy*.

Barrie's script was originally rejected because it was so elaborate. In 1904, plays generally did not involve flying and such frequent and

major scene changes.

MSU Technical Director William J. Layne said plans began a year ago to contract the well-known Foy company to install flying units.

"The company is very famous for flying Sandy Duncan (in the 1979-80 *Peter Pan*) and working in Jesus Christ Superstar," says Layne. Ties Dean, who portrays Peter Pan, says the flying scenes were a challenge.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever had to do," he says. "The concentration it (flying) requires, remembering how to position your body and staying on pitch makes my last production at MSU a thrill."

Dean says he depends on the operators who work the wires and actually fly and lift Peter.

"Their job is much harder than mine," he says.

Freshman Lecam Sublett, who plays Wendy, says flying is more difficult than she expected.

"Flying is the best part," she says. "It's frustrating and somewhat painful, but fun."

Along with Peter and Wendy, the production requires a large cast



Ties Dean, in the role of Peter Pan, impatiently awaits the entrance of the Neverland Indians while perched on a tree.

filled with Indians, pirates and lost boys.

"The children in this production are extremely professional," says

Sublett. "I am very impressed."

The history of Peter Pan's character includes the portrayal of several women. Nina Boucicault originated the role of Peter Pan in 1905.

Maude Adams took the lead. Layne says Peter Pan, the novel and the play, were originally written for a boy to play although Adams

received a great deal of acclaim for her portrayal of Peter.

"This is a story about a boy who doesn't want to take a job or the responsibilities of a man," he says. Walt Disney immortalized Peter Pan as a cartoon film and included Peter Pan as a boy.

Layne says the character he and Dean are creating is self-centered. This particular Pan loves to have a good time as long as he is the center of attention.

"When Mary Martin played Peter Pan, it was sugar-coated," he says. "Moments in MSU's version are very different and gives a lot more depth than what we're used to seeing in Peter Pan."

Costume Designer Elizabeth Payne researched books on fabrics and read through Peter Pan books to invent

over 40 costumes for the production.

The bright and animated costume colors which complement scenic designs by Kristopher Castle makes the illustration come to life, she says.

"The pirates were my favorite to create," Payne says. "Everyone has a notion of what a pirate looks like and it's fun alternating those styles."

The musical is accompanied by the MSU Symphony Band including two violinists, Emily Burton and Rondaeca Kam.

Kam says, "This is the first time I've performed in an English Theater production. It's very unique."

Dean says not only is Peter Pan the most challenging role he's faced, it is also his favorite.

"I wouldn't want my last production to be any other way," he says. Huck Finn and Peter Pan are his favorite roles because of Layne's take on the characters, he says.

"It's such a thrill because what boy or girl doesn't dream they can one day fly and I get to live that dream."

Peter Pan will soar March 30-April 1 in the Ballroom Auditorium at 8 p.m. A special matinee performance is scheduled for Friday, March 31 at 11 a.m.

World renowned flying artists give Peter Pan a lift

BY GINA HAYES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Technical aspects of *Peter Pan* separate this production from previous shows. One challenge will be transporting characters to Never

land.

With proceeds from the annual Spring Gala, the MSU theatre department invited Flying by Foy, a company located in Las Vegas. The company helped install a track sys-

tem and trained students so they will be able to create the illusion of flying. Foy was established in the 1950s by Peter Foy.

The company is responsible for numerous effects such as swimming, fly-

ing weightless and flying ballets which have been featured on Broadway, in Las Vegas shows and industrial shows.

Foy's work also has been featured in rock concerts, television productions, commercials and operas.

The company has flown several famous Hollywood actors including Lucille Ball, Garth Brooks, Sean Connery, Michael Jordan, David Letterman, Cathy Rigby, Howard Stern, Mary Martin and others.

Flying Director Brad Allen, from Salt Lake City, had a desire to become involved with theatre at age 5. He attended college to train in technical theatre.

Allen trained for six months with Foy and then was sent across the U.S., Canada and Japan to work.

"I wanted to travel a lot and work in technical theatre," Allen said.

During *Peter Pan*, Allen said invisible aircraft cable will be attached to a harness that lifts the characters.

The track will be hung from the flying system pipe and locked off at a trim height of 35-40 feet.

There are five operators who will lift approximately two-thirds of the performer's weight.

Technical Director William J. Layne said the equipment didn't do what he expected judging from the effects from the Mary Martin version of

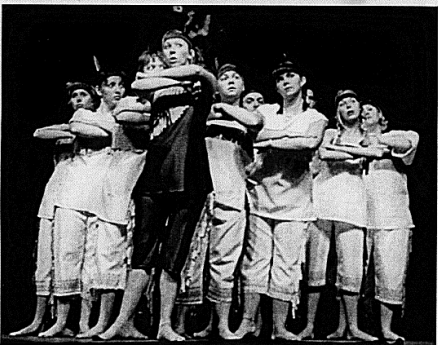
Peter Pan.

But imaginative choreography in scenes such as the fight scene between Peter (Ties Dean) and Captain Hook (Matt Morpheus) make up for what the apparatus can't do.

Portraying Tinkerbell was another question to be answered.

Light Designer Mark Mallett solved the problem for this production with the use of a lighting instrument which projects a small ball of light.

Workshops will be held for middle and high school students March 30. There is a \$5 charge for students. This fee includes admission to the evening's performance.



Amanda Layne, who plays Tiger Lily, begins a song and dance routine surrounded by her tribe.



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Eagles defeat Tennessee Tech for first OVC win

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead baseball Eagles picked up their first Ohio Valley Conference win over the weekend at Tennessee Tech University. They also won three and dropped two in previous games.

On March 21, the Eagles used 11 hits to roll over Tennessee Morehead 10-0 at Allen Field.

MSU scored two runs in the first inning. But in the second inning, junior second baseman Jimmy Means doubled scoring two, and senior right fielder Cameron Langham and senior third baseman Mike Reichert both singled and picked up an RBI each to put the Eagles on top 6-0.

The Eagles would go on to score two in the fourth inning, one in the sixth, and one in the eighth to pull away with the 10-0 victory.

Reichert finished 3-3 with the plate with two RBIs. Langham was 2-4 with one double, two RBIs, and two stolen bases, and senior shortstop Sam Hechter was 2-5.

Freshman hurler Chad Parsons earned the win on the mound giving up only two hits of the game.

On March 22, the Eagles hosted a doubleheader with Youngstown State University.

In the opener, the Eagles drilled

Youngstown State 19-0. The Youngstown State pitching staff gave up 22 hits, committed 11 errors, and only struck out one.

The Eagles used the Penguins' poor pitching to score eight runs in the bottom of the second.

In the third inning, Reichert doubled, and sophomore designated hitter Will Renaker and senior first baseman R.J. Hayes both singled to score two more runs for the Eagles.

MSU would go on to score two runs in the fourth, five in the fifth, and one in the seventh to sweep Youngstown State.

Hoehner finished 2-5 at the plate with two doubles and three RBIs. Langham was 4-6 with four RBIs. Reichert was 3-5 with two doubles and two RBIs. Means was 3-3 with one RBI, and senior left fielder Jason Kennedy was 2-3 with one RBI.

Junior left hander Shawn Hall (2-2) picked up the win on the mound.

In the nightcap, MSU defeated Youngstown 2-1 in eight innings.

The Eagles scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the third when Langham singled to score Hoehner.

But Youngstown State tied the game in the top of the third when

they scored on a wild pitch by eagle freshman right hander Shannon Hebl.

Junior pinch hitter Thad Kingsolver got the game-winning single for the Eagles in the bottom of the eighth, scoring freshman pinch runner Roy Gentry.

Hoehner finished 2-4 at the plate with two stolen bases, Langham was 2-3 with one RBI, and Kennedy and freshman catcher Nathan Lowe both finished the game 1-3.

Helson (1-2) picked up the win on the mound for MSU.

On Saturday, the Eagles traveled to Cookeville to face Tennessee Tech University in a doubleheader for their first OVC match of the season.

The Golden Eagles defeated the MSU 6-0 in the opener.

Reaker was 2-2 at the plate and Kennedy was 2-3 with one double.

Freshman Matt Soule (1-1) took his first loss of the season on the mound.

In the second game, Tennessee Tech won 6-5. MSU led 5-4 going into the sixth inning, but TTU answered with two more runs in the bottom of the inning to pull away with the victory.

Hoehner was 2-3 at the plate

with one RBI. Kennedy was 2-4, and senior center fielder Nathan Bishop was 2-3 with one double.

Sophomore right hander Rick Lowe (1-1) picked up his first loss of the season on the mound.

In Sunday's game, the Eagles defeated the Golden Eagles 11-9 for their first OVC win.

Langham got things going in the first inning, when homered to score two.

MSU would go on to score two runs in the third and five in the ninth to pull away with the victory.

Kingsolver finished 3-5 at the plate with two doubles and six RBIs. Langham was 2-5 with one double, a homer, and four RBIs. Kennedy was 3-4, and Reichert was 4-5 with one RBI.

Hoehner (1-0) faced two batters in the ninth to pick up the win on the mound for the Eagles.

Kennedy extended his hitting streak to 29 games over the weekend, which is two shy of the MSU record.

The Eagles traveled to Huntington yesterday to face Marshall University. They will host the University of Cincinnati on Wednesday, a doubleheader with Eastern Illinois on Saturday, and one game on Sunday.



Photo by Casey K. Lippert

Eagle senior first baseman R.J. Hayes gets a Youngstown State player out at first in the opening game Thursday at Allen Field. The Eagles defeated Youngstown State 19-0 in the opener, and 2-1 in eight innings in the nightcap.

Softball team drops to 10-15 overall; 1-2 in OVC

BY DUSTIN WALLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Eagle softball team went 1-4 last week, including a 1-2 record to open the Ohio Valley Conference season.

MSU hosted Akron last Tuesday, losing 1-0 and 7-1 in a doubleheader at the University Stadium Field.

Defence was key in the first game as the two teams went scoreless throughout the first seven innings. The Lady Zips broke the tie with a run in the first inning. U of A held Morehead scoreless in the bottom of the inning to hold on for the victory.

AKRON (10-6) did not have as much trouble scoring in the second

game of the doubleheader. The Lady Zips capitalized on 11 hits and two MSU errors to win the contest, 7-1.

The Lady Eagles then traveled to UT-Martin for three games this past weekend to begin the OVC season.

Morehead State got off to a hot start in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning.

The Lady Skyhawks struck back in the bottom of the second with three runs of their own. Neither team would score for the remainder of the game and Martin held on for the 3-2 victory.

MSU first baseman Nob Queen

and shortstop Joni Robinson each went 1-3 with one RBI in the contest.

In the second game of the Saturday doubleheader, the Lady Eagles scored five runs, winning 5-1. It was the first conference loss of the season for UTM.

Both Morehead and Martin scored a run in the third inning, but it was all MSU for the remainder of the game.

The Lady Eagles scored three runs in the fifth inning and another in the sixth to gain the win. Morehead caught UTM nine to four in the contest.

Queen and Robinson were again

hot at the plate. Robinson batted 3-4 and Queen was 2-4 with one RBI. Four other MSU players had one hit each in the victory.

Pitcher Nikki Scott gained the win for the Lady Eagles, improving her record to 4-5 on the season.

The third and final game of the series was a reversal of fortune for Morehead State, as the Lady Skyhawks won 6-1.

MSU went up 1-0 in the top of the first inning, but was unable to score for the rest of the contest.

Martin only held a 2-1 lead after four innings, but scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to put away the Lady Eagles.

Queen picked up her fourth and fifth hits of the series against UTM, going 2-4 at the plate. Again, four other MSU players contributed with one hit each.

UT-Martin improved to 7-6 overall and 6-1 in the OVC with the victory. Morehead State fell to 10-15 and 1-2 in the conference.

MSU will be in action again this Wednesday when they travel to Dayton, Ohio for a doubleheader against Wright State.

The Lady Eagles will return home this weekend for a three game series against OVC foe Middle Tennessee. A doubleheader against the Lady Raiders begins at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and the third contest of the series is at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. All games will be held at University Stadium Field.

Golf team places second

BY ANDREW BURFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Defending Ohio Valley Conference Champion Eagle golf team traveled to Richmond to compete in the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational this past weekend.

Fairing well coming second out of 18 schools, both players and the head coach say there is still room for improvement.

The Eagles were lead by sophomore Nick Atzinger, who finished with a score of 217 for the 54 hole three round tournament. This included a final round score of 70 which placed Atzinger fourth overall.

"Overall I was happy with my play," said Atzinger. "More importantly we beat EKV on their home

course. That was a big thing because those guys practice on that course everyday."

Junior Josh Teater also had a strong performance placing ninth but he slipped on the last round with a score of 78.

"Atzinger and Teater played well and Matt Hermann played decent," said Head Coach Rich Chaney. "We played well enough to win but we need five to play as consistent as our top three did in the last tournament to be more successful."

Hermann, a senior, rounded out the Eagles that finished in the top 20. He struggled with the first two rounds but was able to finish strong with a final round score of 72.

"I did not play well on the last

day," said Teater. "But others like Hermann were able to pick it up."

The Eagles will travel to Lexington this weekend to participate in the UK Johnny Owens Invitational.

"We need senior Ben Hensley to play well if we want to win this weekend," said Coach Chaney. "All the kids are improving each tournament but they must gain confidence along the way."

Chaney also said the team is where it was last spring when it went on to win the OVC championship.

"There is no doubt we can repeat as champions," said Teater.

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